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SUBJECT: VERDICTS FOR DECEMBER RIOTERS

REF: A. MANAMA 420 AND PREVIOUS B. MANAMA 118 Classified By: CDA Christopher Henzel for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

- 1.(C) Summary: The high criminal court acquitted four of the 15 men arrested following the December riots, and sentenced the rest to prison terms.
- 2.(U) On July 13, the first high criminal court convicted eleven defendants from December's riots on a number of charges, including: burning a
- 3.(U) Hassan Abdulnabi Hassan was convicted on the most serious charges: burning a police vehicle, assaulting a police officer, and organizing
- 4.(U) The court found the following innocent of stealing a police weapon, but guilty of all other charges, and ordered them imprisoned for five
- 5.(U) The court sentenced the following to one year for their role in burning a police vehicle, assaulting a police officer, and organizing an
- 6.(U) The court acquitted the following of all charges and ordered them released: -- Hussein Jaffer Abdulla Butareef -- Abdulla Muhsen Abdulla
- 7.(C) XXXXXXXXXXXX told poloff on July 1 that he expected "the country to go up in flames" if anybody was sentenced. In the event, a few youths
- 8.(C) The Chief of Public Security, Major General Abdul Latif Al Zayani told A/DCM on July 15 that the response was not as extensive as he anti
- 9.(C) A court-appointed medical team, led by Dr. Ali Jaffar Al Aradi, a Ministry of Health orthopedist, testified on May 11 that because more t
- 10.(C) January press reports cited an alleged whispered conversation between Maytham Al Sheikh and his father in which Maytham claimed that pri
- 11.(C) Mohammed Al Singace also alleged that prison guards abused him. His brother, Abduljalil Al Singace, is the director of media and interna
- 12.(C) XXXXXXXXXXXX believed there were some irregularities in the trial. He said the third judge in the tribunal for most of the case, an Egypti